

East Germany

REPORT

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. From 27 November to 6 December 1952, the Flak Kaserne in the southeast section of Woermlitz near Halle on the road to Beesen was occupied to capacity by about 800 to 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. On 27 November, repair work on the bogie wheels and tracks of T-34 tanks was being performed at the tank garages. About 250 troops drilled in the barracks yard. On 28 November, about 54 troops received training in firing and practiced the throwing of hand grenades on the athletic field adjoining the installation. On 1 December, 80 to 100 troops armed with rifles and machine guns and carrying practice targets entered the installation.

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2. From 27 November to 6 December, the Reil Kaserne on Reil Strasse was occupied by a small detail wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 28 November, about 24 troops engaged in physical training in the barracks yard, while about 12 troops with wooden rifles practiced close combat training on 3 December.

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3. On 27 November, the quarters at 4 through 7 Maxim Gorki Strasse were occupied by an office of the SCC. The guard detail numbered one officer and eight EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets.

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4. From 19 to 23 November, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee was occupied by troops, 85 percent of which wore red-bordered black epaulets and 15 percent black-bordered black epaulets. several groups, each of 12 troops, drilling with rifles, and tank driving practices in the barracks yard. Marksmanship training was held at the firing ranges.

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5. From 14 to 25 November, the Luftnachrichten Kaserne on Heide Allee was occupied to capacity by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank, artillery and motor transport insignia, and a few wearing black-bordered black epaulets with construction engineer insignia. During the period of observation, 10 trucks [redacted] left the installation, about 20 troops carrying practice targets entered the installation and two SU 85 guns [redacted] were seen driving from Brandberge toward Lettin. Firing with live ammunition was heard from the firing ranges in the Heidewald (forest). [redacted]

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6. On 22 November, trucks [redacted] left the Reil Kaserne.

1. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] The occupation strength is considerably underestimated. [redacted]

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2. [redacted] Comment. It appears that the occupation has not changed. [redacted]

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